TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fatal Pedestrian Crash on Northbound I-75 near Wattles Road

Troy, Michigan - On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at approximately 11:20 p.m., the Troy Police Department received a 911 call from a concerned citizen reporting a pedestrian walking along the shoulder of northbound I-75 near Big Beaver Road.

Shortly before that call, an out-of-state couple arrived at the Troy Police Department lobby to report that their 36-year-old son was experiencing emotional distress, exited their vehicle, and ran from the area of the Civic Center complex.

While officers were responding to locate the reported pedestrian, the driver of a black Audi sedan contacted 911 to report striking an unknown object in the middle lane of northbound I-75 near Wattles Road.

The first responding officer determined that a pedestrian had been struck by the Audi and subsequently by additional vehicles. The individual was identified as the same 36-year-old male previously reported by his parents.

The pedestrian was pronounced deceased at the scene by medical personnel.

The driver and passenger of the Audi were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Impairment due to alcohol or drugs is not suspected in the operation of the Audi.

Members of the Troy Police Department Traffic Safety Unit responded to the scene and are leading the ongoing crash investigation.

Northbound I-75 was closed for approximately four hours while emergency response, investigation, and scene clearance were completed.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Troy Police Department at 248-524-3477.

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